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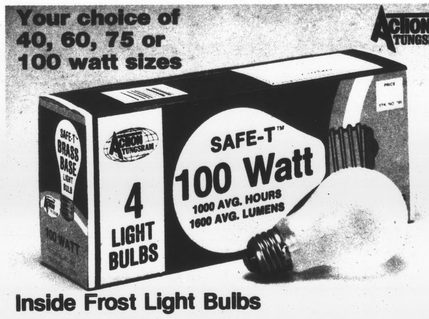

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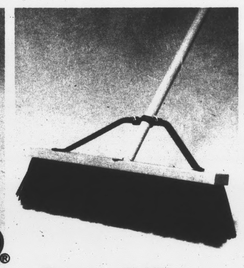

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Railroad Festival is deemed big success

The 10th Annual Historic Appomattox Railroad Festival attracted a crowd of approximately 10,000 on Saturday to watch a parade that included Deborah Adair, star of the popular CBS daytime drams, "The Young And The Restless," as parade marshall.

Darrell Laurent, widely read columnist for the Lynchburg News and Daily Advance was head conductor.

Although the sky was a bit threatening at times, rain held off and the parade took place without a hitch.

Winners in the parade were as follows: Floats, 1st place, Appomattox Baptist Temple; 2nd place, Appomattox County Health Department; and 3rd place, Appomattox County High School Art Department.

In the parade of horses, 1st place went to Kermit C. Paulette; 2nd place went to Betty Zumbro; and 3rd place to Elaine Carson.

In the antique car division, 1st place went to E. G. Edgarton; 2nd place, Williams Reynolds; and 3rd place, Pat Lair.

Gretna High School took 1st place in the marching bands; Midlothian High School won 2nd place and Buckingham County High School won 3rd place.

Fork Union Military Academy won first place in the drill team division for their outstanding performance.

Following the "Down At The Depot" ceremonies, the crowd milled about, looking and buying among the many displays of arts and crafts and enjoying the wide variety of homemade food.

Pat Fogarty of the Appomattox Junior Woman's Club and Chairman of the Arts and Crafts was pleased with the large number of out of town craftsmen as well as our own craftsmen who participated in the festival.

"Everything went fine," Paulette commented. "Even though the rain came late in the day on Saturday and again on Sunday at times, we had a wide variety of quality arts and crafts for the visitors to enjoy. We are really pleased," she concluded.

Saturday afternoon's Joe Sweeney Classic, a 10-kilometer footrace had 145 participants finishing the race according to Jane Smith, co-director of the event.

"We were happy with the race although most of the runners were affected by the heat, with most of the runners time off from one to four minutes," Smith said.

"We feel we were lucky that we didn't have any heat related problems. The runners were appreciative of the spectator participation too. It was good this year with spectators standing along the route to cheer them on," Smith concluded.

The first three winners in the men's division were Richard Ferguson, 1st with a time of 33:38.6; Tommy Gee, 2nd place and Darryl Metts, 3rd place.

For the women, Liz Walburn was first place winner with a time of 43:36 and Denise Tauriello captured 2nd place while 3rd place went to Ellen Shalley.

A comprehensive list of winners and their time will be published in next week's Times-Virginian.

Local and visiting musical talent entertained the crowds throughout the day on Saturday and again on Sunday, and for the children there were rides of all kinds.

Becky Lawson, co-chairman of the festival activities had this to say, "In spite of the minor complications, the last-minute problems, I was overwhelmed by the crowd in attendance. It was worth all the hard work and effort to see the people so appreciative of the entire festival event.

A Big Hello! DEBORAH ADAIR, grand marshall of the 1982 Historic Appomattox Railroad Festival, waves to crowd during the parade which kicked off the festival Saturday morning. A crowd estimated at approximately 10,000 attended the festival, which included a variety of events to entertain young and old alike. For more festival photos, see page 2. (Photo by Allen Austin)

Coleman winner of contest

Phil Coleman successfully predicted the outcomes of 21 of the 23 games in last week's football contest to take top honors in the competition.

Lee Drinkard and Margaret Wilson each missed on only three of the contest games, but Drinkard's predictions of the exact scores of the two tiebreaker games -- the Appomattox and VPI games -- were closer to the actual scores and he was declared the second-place finisher in the contest.

Competition was fierce in last week's contest. Despite several college-game upsets, many of the 99 contestants were in the running, including seven who missed accurately predicting the outcomes of only four of the contest games. They included Virginia Marshall, Doris Nash, Ben Marshall, Carlton Guill, Marshall Cheatham, Darnell Mayberry and Varerie Guill.

Coleman will receive a check for $20 from the Times-Virginian, and a free chicken dinner from the Chicken Palace Restaurant for his winning effort. Drinkard will receive a check for $10 from the paper, and a free chicken dinner from the Chicken Palace for his second place finish.

The football contest, a popular autumn feature for several years, continues this week.

County discusses future waste disposal

By FRANCES PAULETTE

Clarence Stine of the Appomattox County Health Department and Gray Perrow, Environmental Supervisor of the Appomattox-Buckingham Health District appeared before the Appomattox County Board of Supervisors on Friday morning to discuss the handling of waste material in Appomattox County.

"While we don't have a problem right now," said Stine, "we will have to face the problem of providing an approved facility for waste disposal by January of 1984, and that's just 16 months away."

Also appearing in the interest of waste disposal were Frank Carwile of Carwile Construction Co., Inc., Billy Carrico of Septic Tank Cleaning and Ashby Wright, Septic Tank Service.

"On the average," said Carwile, "I pump one load of septic waste a day with the exception of Sunday, with approximately 1,000 gallons at the time. So far, I have had no trouble disposing of waste at the Lynchburg plant. I don't know what I would do if they suddenly stopped me from disposing of waste in that plant."

Carrico, on the other hand, pumps five or six loads a day and has his own facility on his own property.

"Appomattox County needs to consider the possibility of a plan, possibly with a surrounding county or counties. No one in the district has a facility except Carrico who has his own plan and it won't be acceptable after January 1, '84" said Perrow.

"The law says we will be forced to dump waste in an approved facility if we're cut off in Lynchburg," Perrow added.

Whereas the law does not require a county to have its own facility, it will require that waste be dumped into an approved facility as of Jan. 1, 1984.

Stine added, "Instead of two or three individuals trying to install a facility, maybe the county could provide an approved facility and charge a fee."

"We don't have any idea of the cost of providing such a facility," Stine added, "but I think we should be looking into he cost and making some plans for the future. In fact, a county-owned facility could prove to be a source of revenue for the county; those using the facility for disposal could be charged by the load."

"I would suggest that the county negotiate with engineers to come up with a plan," said Perrow. "It's not going to be a cheap thing to build but we have to consider our needs and the quicker we get into it, the cheaper it will be."

In other business, the board officially appointed the Appomattox County Recreation Committee, which has up to this point been operating in an unofficial capacity.

The committee will consist of Jeanne Clabough, Jackie Evans, Julie Coffman, Sam Carter, Ronald Spiggle, J. Franklin Vaughan, Scott Dawson, Lloyd Walton and Chairman Peggy Lawson. In addition there will be a representative from the Appomattox Town Council, and a representative of the three voting districts, plus a member of the board of supervisors.

"The concensus of the committee is that rather than build new and separate recreational facilities, we survey what is already available in the county and upgrade and possibly expand those existing facilities," said a member of the committee.

Jeanne Clabough and Louise Martin appeared before the board with a petition signed by 22 concerned landowners in their neighborhood, 'about the increasing number of hunters who are hunting from the road and failing to comply with the existing hunting law.'

Town proposes charter amendment

By BILL SHERROD

The Appomattox Mayor and Council voted Monday night to write an ordinance for a proposed amendment to the town charter, which will allow the town to borrow up to $500,000 to pay for its share of a proposed new municipal sewer system.

Town Manager Bill Britton noted that the charter, as currently written, allows the town to borrow only up to 50 percent of one's year's taxes, a total of less than $50,000, far less than the amount needed to pay for the town's portion of the sewer project.

The charter amendement would allow the town to borrow up to $4.1 million, or ten percent of the town's net worth. The amount of money which the town will need to borrow will be $500,000 or less, according to Britton.

The proposed amendment will be sent to the Farmers Home Administration, which will administer the sewer grant. If the charter amendment meets with FmHA's approval, it will be forwarded to the state's General Assembly for adoption.

A public hearing date for the proposed charter amendment was set at Monday's meeting, as well. The hearing will be conducted at 7 p.m. on Monday, Nov. 8, in the meeting room of the Mayor and Council at the town office.

In other business, Britton noted that a request by Mrs. Doc Franklin to locate a trailer on her property on Church Street has been denied, as it is in conflict with the town's zoning ordinance.

Mayor Ronnie Spiggle noted that Mrs. Franklin has the option of taking the zoning administrator's decision to the Board of Zoning Appeals if she wishes to pursue the matter further.

The Council also received a report on a proposed mini-mall for the old railroad depot on Main Street. Britton said that Shirley Walton of the VPI extension service has been investigating the proposal, and found that if the depot is placed on the state historic landmarks register, a developer would be able to get a discounted loan for the project.

The Council also appointed Councilman Sam Carter to serve as the town's representative on the Central Virginia Planning District Commission. In addition, the Council voted to approve the charter of the CVPDC for a period of one year.

Council also voted to adopt a resolution welcoming the idea of locating a Patrick Henry Boys Plantation satellite home in this area.

The satellite-home concept was introduced here Sept. 7 when representatives of the Patrick Henry Boys Plantation in Brookneal met with community leaders to discuss the idea.

The Brookneal facility, which houses boys from broken homes, is reaching its capacity, and PHBP officials are seeking ways to place more boys in the program.

Appomattox County is one of several areas under consideration for a satellite-home location.

Bloodmobile visit set

The Bloodmobile will be in Appomattox on Tuesday, Oct. 26 from 12 noon until 6 p.m. at the Liberty Baptist Church.

Regular donors are urged to make plans to donate a unit of blood and new donors are needed.

Father Darkleaf

By Calvin Robinson

Set up a ten-game schedule, win the first six, and there is no way you can have a losing season. That's ACHS football this year. Four more games to go, two away and two at home. The best way to handle such a situaiton is to play the games one at a time. So, this Friday the Raiders go to Jefferson Forest H.S. Then home for the Brookville game, away at Altavista and wrap it up Nov. 5 at home against William Campbell. Wish you luck, Raiders.

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Appomattox had a big weekend. High school parade and football game Friday. Then the Railroad Festival Saturday and Sunday. All went well for we won the football game and most observers thought the Railroad Festival was tops in the series. Difficult to estimate the size of crowds, but the general opinion was there were around ten thousand people here Saturday and over 2,000 Sunday. It was all well planned and there were no mishaps. I am reminded of a note I entered in my notepad to the effect that the best thing to do when you get to Appomattox is what the Yankee did here in 1865: Surrender. But surrender TO the hospitality, goodwill and opportunities available here in Central Virginia. With 119 units entered, the Saturday parade through town went off smoothly and thanks to every unit in the parade, especially visiting bands and dignataries. I made a note of the fact that the event was not "over planned" meaning that there was ample time to just stand around and greet friends and listen. And a special word for the displays and offerings inside the former railroad station. And a good word for the arts and crafts regularly available there. Ah yes, take a bow, Appomattox.

Heavens to Betsy, I did not have a camera along and thus missed a good picture opportunity. Adam Moore, two month old son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Moore, Route One, Appomattox. Sound asleep in his stroller!

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Among the out-of-state visitors present were Mr. and Mrs. Garland Watkins Banton, Ashland, Ky; Elmo Banton, Richmond; Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Smith, Essex, Md.; Mrs. Lena Banton. Also the Craddocks, of Virginia Beach, and so many more. Glad to see Mrs. Carolina Moses Lusardi, of Brookneal and sorry to have missed being home when the Rev. and Mrs. Millard Stimpson called. Saw my old friend, Bill Woody, of Pamplin and Farmville and among the early arrivals were Mrs. J. Rufus Cawthorne and Steve. Don't know who came the longest distance to be here, but there was a table on Main Street where visitors could register. In the parade were only 20 horses, antique and new cars and 23 motorcycles. Smokey the Bear was in a model plane. And just think of all the work done to make the floats. In fact, let us thank everyone who had a part in Appomattox's Railroad Festival.

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And now for the world series in baseball. While watching I will be eating away on some of the huge chestnuts sent me by Malcolm Booker. Thanks, my friend. And thanks for reading. Seeya around.

A STRANGE ACCIDENT happened in the dense early morning fog on Route 26 last Wednesday. According to State Police, a school bus was stopped in the southbound lane picking up children, with several cars stopped behind it. A tractor-trailer came up behind the line of cars in the southbound lane and, unable to stop, struck the rear of the last car in line. The tractor-trailer then went into the northbound lane, and a pickup truck approaching it head-on swerved off the road to avoid a collision. A second tractor-trailer, following the first in the southbound lane, was able to stop behind the line of cars, but a car behind the second tractor-trailer approached the scene of the accident, was unable to stop and struck the rear of the second tractor-trailer, which was stopped in the southbound lane. A second school bus, traveling south, observed the accident and swerved to the left to avoid a collision with the car which had struck the rear of the second tractor-trailer. The second bus went out of control and overturned onto the pickup truck which had swerved off the road to avoid collision with the first tractor-trailer. The vehicle which struck the rear of the second tractor-trailer was severly damaged, but, police said there were no serious damages. Charges in the accident, which was attributed to the dense fog, are pending further investigation. (Photo by Allen Austin)

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